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Applicant: F. Morana, et al.

Serial No.: 10/624,799

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

1. We enclose the following documents:

- Preliminary Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs, in duplicate)
- Preliminary Amendment (4 pgs)
- Submission of Marked Up Paragraphs (1 pgs)
- Annotated drawing sheets (2 pgs)
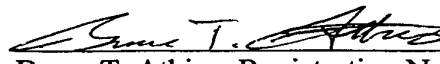- Replacement drawing sheets (2 pgs)
- Return postcard

STATUS

2. Applicant

_____ claims small entity status.
_____√_____ is other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated below in an envelope addressed to the MAIL STOP Non Fee Amendments, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Express Mail No. EV 339987866 US.

Date: **September 4, 2003**

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
____ first month	$ 110.00	$ 55.00
____ second month	$ 410.00	$ 205.00
____ third month	$ 930.00	$ 465.00
____ fourth month	$1,450.00	$ 725.00
____ fifth month	$1,970.00	$ 985.00
	Fee:	$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

_____ An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor $_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request $ _____.

OR

(b) ✓ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4.   The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

					SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL. RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL INDEP.		MINUS		=	x $9 = $		x $18 = $
		MINUS		=	x $42 = $		x $84 = $
___	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ $140 = $		+ $280 = $
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE $	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE $

(a)   _✓_   No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b)   ____   Total additional fee for claims required $

FEE PAYMENT
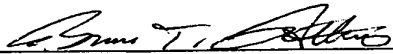
5.   ____   Attached is a check in the sum of $_____

____   Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of $_____.
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

6.   _✓_   If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

_✓_   If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7.   ____   Other:

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Applicants hereby request entry of the following Amendment prior to examination of

the above-referenced application.